

PAPUA.



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# AN ORDINANCE

*Relating to the Census of the Territory of Papua.*

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**B**E it enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor of the Territory of Papua with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof as follows:—

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the *Census Ordinance*, 1920. Short title.

2. In this Ordinance unless the contrary intention appears— Definition.

“ Dwelling ” means building erection or tenement whether permanent or temporary which is wholly or partly used for the purpose of human habitation and includes any ship or other vessel in any port of the Territory or in any inland waters thereof or any ship or vessel between any two ports of the Territory.

“Occupier” includes every governor superintendent officer in charge or keeper of any gaol prison hospital lunatic asylum or public or charitable institution.

“The Statistician” means the Statistician of the Commonwealth of Australia.

Power of Statistician to delegate.

**3.** (1) The Statistician in relation to any particular matters or class of matters within the Territory with the approval of the Minister may by instrument under his hand delegate any of his powers under this Ordinance (except this power of delegation) so that the delegated powers may be exercised by the delegate with respect to the matters or class of matters specified in the instrument of delegation.

(2) Every delegation shall be revocable in writing at will and no delegation shall affect the exercise or performance by the Statistician of any power or duty.

Undertaking of secrecy and fidelity by officers.

**4.** Every officer executing any power or duty conferred or imposed on any officer under this Ordinance or regulations thereunder shall before entering upon his duties or exercising any power under this Ordinance sign in the presence of a witness an undertaking of secrecy and fidelity in accordance with the prescribed form.

Taking of census.

**5.** (1) The Census shall be taken in the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty-one and in every tenth year thereafter.

(2) The Census Day shall be the day appointed for that purpose for the Commonwealth of Australia.

Statistician to take steps for collection of census.

**6.** It shall be the duty of the Statistician subject to the regulations and to the direction of the Minister to prepare and issue forms and instructions and take all necessary steps for the taking and collection of the Census.

Census Schedules to be left at dwellings.

**7.** (1) For the purpose of taking the Census a parcel of forms called the Census Schedule shall be prepared and left at every dwelling throughout the Territory.

(2) The Census Schedule shall consist of a card or leaflet relative to the dwelling called a dwelling slip and a card or leaflet for each person in the dwelling called a personal slip.

(3) Where a house is let sub-let or held in different apartments and occupied by different persons or families each part so let sub-let or held and used for the purpose of human habitation shall be deemed a dwelling.

8. Every occupier of a dwelling with or for whom a Census Schedule has been left shall to the best of his knowledge and belief fill up and supply therein in accordance with the instructions contained in or accompanying the Census Schedule all the particulars specified therein and shall sign his name thereto and shall deliver the Schedule so filled up and signed to the Collector authorized to receive it.

Occupiers to fill up Census Schedule.

Penalty: Ten pounds.

9. The particulars to be specified on the Census Schedule shall include the following:—

Particulars to be shown.

- (a) (i.) Name; (ii.) sex; (iii.) age; (iv.) date of birth; (v.) condition as to marriage; (vi.) duration of marriage; (vii.) date of existing marriage; (viii.) number of children living or dead from existing and from previous marriages; (ix.) relation to head of household; (x.) profession or occupation; (xi.) grade of occupation (*i.e.* whether employer wage-earner etc.); (xii.) unemployment with duration and cause of same; (xiii.) occupation of employer (in the case of persons in employment); (xiv.) sickness or infirmity; (xv.) religion; (xvi.) education; (xvii.) birthplace; (xviii.) birthplaces of parents; (xix.) length of residence in the Territory; (xx.) date of arrival in the Territory; (xxi.) nationality; (xxii.) basis of nationality (*i.e.* whether birthplace parentage or naturalization); and (xxiii.) race of every person abiding in the dwelling during the night prior to Census Day.
- (b) (i.) Material of dwelling; (ii.) class of dwelling (*i.e.* whether private house hotel institution etc.); (iii.) number of rooms; (iv.) weekly rent payable or rental value per week; (v.) method of occupation (*i.e.* whether by owner tenant rent-purchaser caretaker or otherwise); (vi.) number of persons usually resident on prem-

ises ; (vii.) nature and description of shipping used as dwellings.

(c) Any other prescribed matters.

Collectors to assist in filling up Schedules.

**10.** It shall be the duty of each collector if requested to assist occupiers of dwellings in filling up the Census Schedule and to satisfy himself by inquiries from occupiers of dwellings or other persons that the Census Schedule has been correctly filled up.

Duty of persons not supply information to collectors.

**11.** Every person shall to the best of his knowledge and belief answer all questions asked him by a collector necessary to obtain any information required to be filled up and supplied in the Census Schedule.

Penalty : Ten pounds.

Returns of persons not abidings in dwellings.

**12.** (1) The Statistician shall obtain such returns and particulars as are prescribed with respect to persons who during the night preceding the Census Day were not abiding in any dwelling.

(2.) Every person shall on being required by the Statistician so to do furnish to the best of his knowledge and belief any prescribed particulars relating to persons who were not abiding in any dwelling on the night prior to Census Day.

Penalty : For any offence against this subsection Ten pounds.

Publication of Census results.

**13.** The Statistician shall compile and tabulate the information collected pursuant to this Ordinance and shall publish such statistics or abstracts thereof as the Minister directs with observations thereon.

Persons not bound to state religion.

**14.** No person shall be liable to any penalty for omitting or refusing to state the religious denomination or sect to which he belongs or adheres.

Desertion by officers.

**15.** No officer after having signed the prescribed undertaking shall desert from his duty or shall refuse or wilfully neglect without just excuse to perform the duties of his office.

Penalty : Ten pounds.

Untrue returns by officers.

**16.** No officer shall wilfully or without lawful authority alter any document or form under this Ordinance or shall wilfully sign any untrue document or form.



Penalty: Fifty pounds.

**17.** No officer or occupier of a dwelling shall except Officers to observe secrecy. as allowed by this Ordinance or the regulations divulge the contents of any form filled up in pursuance of this Ordinance or any information furnished in pursuance of this Ordinance.

Penalty: Fifty pounds.

**18.** Any person who forges or utters knowing it to be Forgery of forms. forged any form or document under this Ordinance shall be guilty of an indictable offence and liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three years.

**19.** No person shall knowingly make in any form or Penalty for false returns or answers. document filled up or supplied in pursuance of this Ordinance or in answer to any question asked him under the authority of this Ordinance any statement which is untrue in any material particular.

Penalty: Fifty pounds.

**20.** The provisions of this Ordinance shall not apply Aboriginal natives. to aboriginal natives of the said Territory.

**21.** The Lieutenant-Governor may make regulations Regulations. not inconsistent with this Ordinance prescribing all matters and things which by this Ordinance are required or permitted to be prescribed or which are necessary or convenient to be prescribed for carrying out or giving effect to this Ordinance and in particular prescribing penalties not exceeding Fifty pounds for breaches of such regulations.

Passed in Council this sixteenth day of October, in the year of Our Lord One thousand nine hundred and twenty.